

 Michigan Department of Transportation	POLICY State Transportation Commission	IDENTIFIER	EFFECTIVE DATE
		10014	04-20-23
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RESPONSIBLE WORK AREA: Bureau of Highways			
SUBJECT: Utility Accommodation			
POLICY TYPE: Commission			
APPROVAL: (Sign/Date) Approved by STC on April 20 th , 2023.			

To regulate the accommodation of municipal utilities, private utilities, lines, and facilities within state highway right-of-way, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall develop and follow publicly available guidance that outlines the basis for the evaluation and approval by MDOT for requests to construct, maintain, or operate such lines and facilities upon, over, across, or under state highways. The guidance must be in compliance with all relevant federal and state laws and regulations.

Federal and state laws acknowledge it is in the public interest for utility facilities to be accommodated on state highway right-of-way. See 23 CFR, Part 645, and MCL 247.183. MDOT has statutory authority to regulate utility accommodations within highway right-of-way through a permit process governed by state laws. Such use and occupancy shall not adversely affect highway traffic and safety or impair highway aesthetic quality, as determined by MDOT, and shall not conflict with federal, state, and local laws, or regulations.

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission.